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Organic Farming through KVKs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation of funds by the Government to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether there are any KVKs engaged in organic farming;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation and marketing of organic farm produces; and

(d) the status of the initiatives taken by the Government for organic farming through KVKs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) The state wise details of allocation of funds to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure.

(b) & (c): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 679 KVKs with a mandate for technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development. As part of their activities, the KVKs impart training to farmers in various aspects of agriculture including organic farming practices like vermi composting, green manuring, production and use of bio- fertilizers and bio-pesticides etc. Moreover, the Sikkim State has been declared officially as an Organic State where four KVKs namely; East Sikkim, West Sikkim, South Sikkim and North Sikkim have taken up various programmes on organic farming.

As far as marketing of organic farm produces is concerned, provisions have been made in the Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region, as a Sub Mission of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, under which State Lead agencies assist farmers' and farmers' producer companies in developing their market initiatives including common packaging, labeling and common brand promotion.

(d) As a new initiative 21 KVKs have conducted Skill Development Training Programmes on organic grower and vermi-compost producers job roles benefitting 367 rural youths during 2016-17. Besides, the KVKs are involved in creating awareness among farmers to adopt organic farming practices for availing benefits of the Government schemes promoting organic farming.

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